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APPLICANT: David Nanus

SERIAL NO.: 09/811,346 EXAMINER: Karen A. Canella, Ph.D.

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For: COMBINED INTERFERON ALPHA AND LIPOSOMAL-ENCAPSULATED ALL-TRANS RETINOIC ACID INCLUDING PREPARATION AND USE

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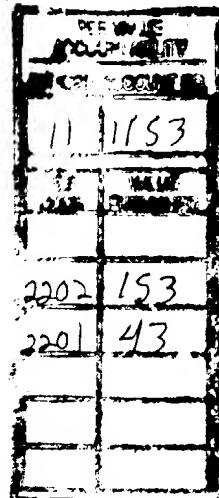
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 10, 2004, having a due date for response extended by three (3) months so as to expire August 10, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A request for a three-month time extension is forwarded herewith.



Objections

Applicant notes that claims 8, 27, and 32-34 are objected to for being dependent on rejected base claims. In view of the above arguments, applicant anticipates that these claims and the other pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

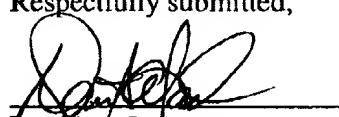
Fees

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this amendment. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

Conclusion

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced. Allowance of all claims at an early date is solicited. In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,



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